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IT WILL BE CLOSE.

Both Sides Confident of the Mayoralty.

The Contest Growing Warmer as the Day Approaches.

Increasing Number of Candidates for Aldermanic Jobs.

The mayoralty contest between Harrison and Hesing is growing more exciting as convention day draws near.

Both parties are full of confidence, and each side makes claims of a majority of the delegates.

Ex-Mayor Cregier is making a better fight than many people expected he would.

There is considerable talk about a new man being brought forward, but the expediency of this move is doubted.

The third candidates most spoken of are Judge Shepard, A. S. Trude, Judge McConnell, and John A. King.

Mr. Hopkins, the manager of the Hesing campaign, will not listen to the proposition. He says:

"Mr. Hesing is a sure winner. He is gaining in strength every day. It is all very well for the Harrison men to talk a new candidate. It indicates that they know they are beaten."

Mr. Hesing also makes light of the third candidate talk, but said:

"I know that Mr. Harrison would be willing to draw out now if I would draw out. But I will not. I will stay to the finish. I am confident of success."

Chairman Powers, of the Harrison committee, is certain that Harrison will be nominated on the first ballot. He laughs at the third candidate idea. "It is nonsense," he said. "Carter will win easy. He will be nominated on the first ballot."

Col. John W. Hersey. This gentleman, who will probably be the Republican nominee for Alderman of the Twelfth Ward, is one of the largest contractors and builders in the city, and probably has no equal as a mechanic, draughtsman or estimator.

He is a man of wealth, which he has acquired in business pursuits, and has resided in the east end of the ward for the past twenty-two years. He is preparing to build him a fine new brown-stone residence on Washington boulevard, just east of California avenue, where he has large property interests. The Colonel is a very popular and liberal man, and has always taken much greater pleasure in working for his party and spending his money for their candidates than to advance any ambition of his own. Colonel Hersey was the first Commander of the Veteran Legion of Chicago, composed only of men who served three years. Upon retiring from office Colonel Hersey was the recipient of an elegant diamond badge by the Legion as a token of good-will and testimonial of his efficiency and popularity as their Commander. The Colonel has no enemies in the Democratic party, as he is liberal and was always a fair fighter. His friends are working like beavers for him, and he has faithful sentinels doing "picket duty" on the outposts all along the line. Colonel Hersey was born in New York City. He has an interesting family—two sons and two daughters—and his chief delight is in his home. Mr. Hersey would make a splendid member of the council, and associated with that talented and worthy citizen, Robert L. Martin, they would

prove a strong team and faithfully perform their duties in the interests of Twelfth ward citizens and taxpayers. Colonel Hersey is a man of courage and resources, an educated gentleman of foresight and prudence, a skillful politician in the true sense of the term, honest, high-minded, generous and undeviating.

He hates hypocrisy, fraud, and sham of every kind and nature. He respects honest opposition in political affairs, but he detests personalities and defamation.

The eyes of the whole world are on that distinguished citizen and honored resident of the Twelfth Ward, Colonel George R. Davis, yet when the mantle fell on his sturdy shoulders as Director General of the World's Fair, it did not seem to be a necessary qualification that he should reside west of the track. Col. Hersey's nomination means his election to represent his constituents in the banner Republican ward of the State of Illinois.

William Branton in the Seventh.

What the business men of the Seventh Ward say of Wm. Branton, candidate for Alderman: C. A. Weissenbach, boot and shoe dealer, at 709 and 711 South Halsted street: "Have known Mr. Branton for a number of years: he is an honest, upright gentleman, and if elected Alderman of the Seventh Ward would fulfill the duties of that office to the satisfaction of the residents of the ward." Penshorn Bros., hatters, at 728: "Have known Mr. Branton for a long time, and there is nobody in the Seventh Ward that the business men would sooner see elected. He is honest, conscientious, and would see that the interests of the ward were taken care of." Adolph Budich, doing business at 661 South Halsted street, when asked, said: "Wm. Branton, if elected Alderman, would make the best Alderman the ward ever had, and I would trust him with anything I had. He is an upright gentleman, very popular, and liked by all who know him, and if nominated by the Democrats will carry the ward by a large majority."

Edward Williams.

Among the gentlemen talked of for Alderman in the Twenty-eighth Ward is Mr. Edward Williams.

Mr. Williams is a life-long Democrat and a thoroughly honest man.

If elected he would be a credit to the ward and to the Democratic party.

Thirteenth Ward.

The host of friends of that well-known business man, Mr. W. T. Maypole, have brought him out as a Democratic candidate for Alderman. He is a large property owner in the ward, and his interests are identified with its growth and success. Mr. Maypole's large following feel confident that he can defeat any candidate the Republicans may nominate.

Twenty-sixth Ward.

Michael Fitzgerald, an enterprising business man and large property owner, will undoubtedly be the Democratic nominee for Alderman in the Twenty-sixth Ward. Mr. Fitzgerald is a loyal and working Democrat and has not sought office before, but has contributed largely of his means for the support of others and for his party. His friends are legion and his nomination means his election.

PLENTY OF CANDIDATES.

People Named for Every Office in the Gift of the Voters.

Following is a list of persons talked of by their friends, or who are candidates for the various offices in the gift of the people:

Mayor.
Democrat: Carter H. Harrison, Washington Hesing, John A. King, Peter H. Longene, Jacob W. Richards.
Republican: George R. Davis, Louis C. Buck, George B. Swift, John M. Smith, James A. Austin, Robert L. Martin.

City Treasurer.
John McMillen, Henry Suckard, Michael J. Bransfield, Peter H. Longene, John S. Cooke, Thomas O'Brien.

City Attorney.
Chas. F. M. Allen, George A. Tragle, W. T. Underwood, W. C. Allen, W. C. Allen.

City Clerk.
Chas. F. M. Allen, George A. Tragle, W. T. Underwood, W. C. Allen, W. C. Allen.

Assessor.
Chas. F. M. Allen, George A. Tragle, W. T. Underwood, W. C. Allen, W. C. Allen.

Collector.
Chas. F. M. Allen, George A. Tragle, W. T. Underwood, W. C. Allen, W. C. Allen.

NORTH TOWN.
F. X. Brandoer, Jr., William T. Ball, James Crawford, Henry T. Carr, John S. Clark, John Minwezan.

WEST TOWN.
Thomas A. Cantwell, E. J. Dwyer, Timothy E. Ryan, John W. Hersey, Frank J. Niehoff, John W. Hersey, Wm. F. Mahoney, Thomas A. Smyth, John Gaynor, Barney Niebling, Maurice M. O'Connor.

LAKE VIEW.
George M. Bauman, James Pease, F. E. Brookman.

LAKE.
M. McInerney, John W. Sweeney, Con McMahon, Mike Bracken, John Murphy.

HYDE PARK.
G. F. Morgan, John Symons, G. E. Edwards, John Lettsworth.

JEFFERSON.
Wm. Johnson, Collector.

SOUTH TOWN.
S. G. Miller, John Thurn, John Long, Jacob Lindheimer.

WEST TOWN.
Jacob Stalner, Wm. F. Justl, Louis Roelle, C. H. Sigmond, Alois Palda, P. D. Doyle, Otto Hulsman, Emil Hoechster, John Tempel.

HYDE PARK.
Andrew Hamilton, Evi Depew, E. H. Thorp, O. L. Chadwick, T. S. Quincey, C. L. Norton.

LAKE VIEW.
Henry Moeng, Robert M. Simon.

LAKE.
Wm. Prendergast, Tim Mackey, D. F. Gurley.

JEFFERSON.
Ed Simons, Walter Saylor, Frank Brudy.

SUPERVISOR.
James Cummings, Charles H. Rine, Henry Carroll, James Dalley.

NORTH TOWN.
Frank L. Niesen, Fred Rinderer, Wm. Donahue.

WEST TOWN.
Dennis Considine.

LAKE VIEW.
William Mangler.

LAKE.
Oto Miller.

JEFFERSON.
R. Altig.

WEST TOWN.
Joseph Kutina, E. W. Walsh.

NORTH TOWN.
John P. Doherty, Henning Crowley.

SOUTH TOWN.
J. G. Flynn.

LAKE.
John Donnelly, Clark Rolph.

JEFFERSON.
J. C. Hobart, A. Larson, J. Stark.

For Aldermen.

FIRST WARD.
John H. Brannan, John R. Morris.

SECOND WARD.
P. Magnus, James Holland, Pat Davenport.

THIRD WARD.
U. Rohrbach.

FOURTH WARD.
Henry C. Mitchell.

FIFTH WARD.
P. J. Wall, Charles Dyer, Michael Meyer, John Ernest, John S. Oelmen.

SIXTH WARD.
W. J. O'Brien, Thomas Reed, Pat Carney, John Cunningham.

SEVENTH WARD.
W. P. Murphy, Matt Lisc, M. E. Cronin, Wm. Branton, Dan Deegan.

EIGHTH WARD.
Martin Morrison, Morgan Murphy, Dennis O'Brien, Edward Frindville, D. J. Solon.

NINTH WARD.
John Farley, Joseph Babka, Frank Mamed, John Foley, John Schwyer, Michael Myers.

TENTH WARD.
John F. Dorman, William Harley, Dick McDonald, Wm. Carden, Henry Schuler, Aug. Peike.

ELEVENTH WARD.
John Synon, George McConnell, James E. Mcweeney.

THIRTEENTH WARD.
Wm. F. O'Hearne, Eugene Bassler, Henry W. Baker, W. W. Norris.

FOURTEENTH WARD.
Martin Knowles, M. J. Conery, M. J. Hayes, Isaac S. Ginsburg, Frank Kinner, W. T. Maypole.

FIFTEENTH WARD.
Philip Jackson, John J. Black, C. L. Leininger, C. E. Bremer, Wm. Green.

SIXTEENTH WARD.
Michael Ryan, Alex. Buck, Victor H. Perazak, Otto Halmsen.

VAN FOR MAYOR.

Republicans Will Nominate Jas. R. B. Van Cleave

For the Position of Chief Magistrate of Chicago.

A Large Meeting Indorses His Candidacy the Other Night.

Jas. R. B. Van Cleave, the popular City Clerk, will no doubt be the next Republican candidate for Mayor of Chicago.

A large, secret meeting of Republicans, held on Wednesday night, decided that he was the only available man left in the party, among the men who were most widely known.

The meeting was called under the auspices of ex-United States Senator Charles B. Farwell and ex-Alderman Arthur Dixon, both of whom have been interested in Van's welfare for years, and for whom he himself has done much good work in the past.

One hundred and forty-six gentlemen answered to their names when Senator Farwell called the gathering to order.

In the course of his remarks Senator Farwell said that the Republican party in Chicago was in much better shape than most people imagined. The Democrats were always stronger in defeat than they were in victory, and all of the old jealousies had broken out anew. He referred to the Harrison-Hesing contest, and said that had blood was sure to result from it, and that some open sores would remain, no matter who was put up. A good, strong Republican might win easily, especially if he was a man of large acquaintance, broad views, and good organizing ability. He knew that he had been talked about himself, but his nomination was clearly out of the question. He could not rally the party, because he believed that his position toward President Harrison might hurt him with some members of the party. He thought that Mr. Jas. R. B. Van Cleave, who had no enemies among the workers, and who had always been a winner, should be put up. As an organizer, he was unequalled, and his strength was not confined to the Republican party exclusively. He had many warm friends among Democrats.

Arthur Dixon said that he fully agreed with the Senator as to Mr. Van Cleave's availability. Van had received 8,000 Democratic votes the last time he was elected. A man who could do that could win this spring.

Speeches in a similar vein were made by D. W. Nickerson, R. Bruce Kennedy, Charles Gross, John Walcott, P. F. Gleason, Peyton Randolph, John Summerfield, F. C. Vierling, Ald. Dan Horan, William Elfeldt, Jr., Joseph Bidwill, ex-Senator Garrity and others, after which a resolution was passed declaring it to be the sense of the meeting that Mr. Van Cleave was the most available Republican candidate for Mayor, and pledging those present to work for his nomination.

A favorite drink in Hawaii is known as the "poi cocktail." It is made by stirring poi into a glass of water. An American who has tried it says there is nothing like a poi cocktail for the "head" that follows a prolonged spree. "When the stomach absolutely refuses anything down to civilization," he writes, "usually, 'when the throat is dry and burning, the new hanks, the apple throbbing and the hands burning,' the cocktail is swallowed, and 'almost instantly assimilated.'"

throat becomes once more of flesh instead of fire and the head ceases to ache. In fifteen minutes he is ready for another spree." With the aid of the poi cocktail, then, a man of average capacity, with free access to spruce-producing beverages of the necessary strength and the disposition to imbibe them, can indulge in thirteen and one-third separate and distinct jags every working day of ten hours. This computation allows him thirty minutes for getting drunk and fifteen minutes for sobering off. An experienced rounder will testify that in many cases a quarter of an hour's indulgence in whisky and beer or whisky and hard cider will develop a full-grown drunk, but with a view to greater scientific exactness we have made half an hour the basis of calculation. The result is simply appalling. By devoting eight hours of the twenty-four to sleep a determined debauchee can crowd twenty-one speers into one day and still have fifteen minutes left for indulging in free lunches. The poi cocktail is the worst enemy to sobriety ever discovered. It is the most potent jag-promoter yet devised by the ingenuity of man. Away with it!

MASSACHUSETTS is working early and earnestly in the movement to secure good roads. It has created a State Highway Commission, which has submitted a report to the Legislature recommending the appointment of a permanent State Commission for the care of the highways. The report estimates the economic losses from present generally bad conditions at five to ten million dollars per year, this not including indirect loss by damage to animals, vehicles, and harness. It discusses methods of road construction, and states that more than 600 miles of road have been photographed under the oversight of the commission. Twenty-three per cent. of the towns in the State spend less than \$1,000 per year each on their roads, and 50 per cent. less than \$2,000 each. The seventy-five towns which expend less than \$1,000 each average \$15 per mile per annum of expenditure. The ninety-three towns which spend from \$1,000 to \$2,000 average \$26.70 per mile, and fifty-seven spend from \$2,000 to \$3,000, averaging \$19.30 per mile. In all these towns the best that can be done is to struggle against a further depreciation of the highways. There are 257 towns, covering 82.5 per cent. of the town area of the State, which are financially unable to keep their roads in good condition. There are twenty-two towns which spend each from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year, averaging \$94.30 per mile, and in these alone it is possible to secure reasonable improvement of the public highways. Four-fifths, and perhaps as much as 90 per cent., of the bad roads are directly connected with the manufacturing places.

Poor old De Lesseps. That will be the verdict of the world. The feeble octogenarian was sentenced to be imprisoned five years and pay a fine of \$1,000. His son was sentenced for the same term and his fine placed at \$750. M. Fontaine and M. Cotter received the same penalties as the younger De Lesseps, and M. Eiffel, of Eiffel tower fame, two years and a fine of \$4,000. It is almost to be hoped that M. de Lesseps' mental condition is as feeble as has been reported, that he may not realize the disgrace that has clouded his brilliant career. Few will believe that he was criminally guilty in the Panama scandal and all generous persons will hope that the President of the republic may see his way to the exercise of executive clemency. As to the others, they have made their beds and must lie in them.

AN official of a railroad, recently returned from Europe, referring to allway practice in Germany, says: "The roadbeds are about perfect, while the stations are simply magnificent, even in the most insignificant places being very fine. The roadbeds are quite rigid, but this is mainly due to the iron and steel cross ties that are used. The locomotives are fine pieces of mechanism, but their capacity is scarcely equal to those on this side of the Atlantic. Their entire passenger equipment is away behind that in use here. Their trains, however, run like clockwork, and the connections are perfect."

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A YOUNG man at Reno, Nev., bet \$3 that he would kill himself within twenty-four hours, and won the bet. Some young men might, on other occasions, have considered themselves of more value than a \$3 bet. The Reno young man seems, however, to have been modest, and, besides, he appears not to have been given much to think about.

TOWN TOPICS.

The Statesmen Have Agreed on Their Slates.

North and West Siders Have Practically Decided.

While in the South Town It Is Mostly Conjecture.

In the South Town the Democrats are divided between William Fitzgerald and Jacob W. Richards for Assessor, with the chances favoring Richards.

S. G. Miller, who has made a good Collector, will be renominated.

Peter J. Laas will be renominated for Supervisor.

In the West Town the ticket will be:

Assessor, Timothy E. Ryan. Collector, C. Herman Sigmond. Supervisor, Dennis Considine. Clerk, Fred Stoll.

In the North Town the indications are as follows:

Assessor, James W. Crawford. Collector, Emil Hoechster. Supervisor, Frank L. Niesen. Clerk, John Doherty.

In the Town of Lake Michael McInerney is slated for Assessor.

AN article in the Iron Age of April 28 last, by W. R. Hinsdale, is reprinted in pamphlet form for circulation among railroad men. It calls attention to the recent increase in the number of casualties arising from broken rails and the necessity for more efficient inspection of rails before they are laid in the track. The matter is one of great importance to the public, all the more so as if defective material be used the recent increase in size of rails is no adequate compensation for the heavier locomotives and cars and longer trains, which are the rule as compared with a few years ago. The point is made that steel rails are now manufactured very rapidly and cheaply. The workmen are paid by the piece, and while generally making good wages they must produce a larger tonnage to realize them. Hence, no matter how desirous the management may be to produce only good work it is necessary that safeguards be provided. The tendency would seem not to be in that direction, judging from the fact that the remark, "They are getting as good as they pay for," has been heard more than once from the lips of a manufacturer, while admitting that he could make better rails than were turned out of his establishment. And it is added that the new rapid process of rolling and finishing direct without reheating the blooms is quite likely to increase the existing evils, on account of the lower and uneven temperature at which the blooms will reach the finishing rolls.

WHAT in the mischief are we to eat nowadays? After listening to the vegetarians, who say we shouldn't eat meats, and to the sun ripeners, who warn us against eating underground growths like potatoes and turnips, we hear the voice of another food reformer who says we mustn't eat anything made of grain, such as wheat bread, corn dodgers, flapjacks, oat cakes, peas-meal hannocks, or macaroni, all of which are hard of digestion and bad for the health. Go to grass, ye humbugs all, and herd with Nebuchadnezzar. Give us all things that are good, wholesome, nourishing, tasteful, and high-tended—such things as make a person feel happy and brave. Give us a show. Let folks loose in the animal, vegetable, granivorous, coconut, chestnut, and apple-sauce kingdoms.

Ten charge that Corbett is afraid of Mitchell and the charge that Mitchell is afraid of Corbett have not in deadly conflict, each meaning to having found a human enemy of its kind.